

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA &UD - Allegation of wasteful expenditure of Rs.27.52 Crores incurred on Sathupally Water Supply Improvement Scheme in Khammam District is contemplated without identifying source of water supply - Departmental proceedings instituted against Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, Engineer in Chief (PH) (Retired)- Written statement of defense on the charges submitted - Further action dropped in terms of Rule 9 (2)(b)(ii) of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II(i)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 328

Dated: 11/05/2016

Read the following:

1. From the G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.77 (963/V&E/E1/2012), Dated 08.10.2012.
2. From the ENC (PH) No. 64/SPally/CS2/2012, dated 07.01.2013.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 31, MA&UD(E2) Department dated 24.01.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 137, MA&UD(E2) Department dated 24.01.2013.
5. Written Statement of Defence dt. 12.07.2013 of Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, the then Engineer-in- Chief (PH) (Retd.), A.P., Hyd.
6. Govt. Memo. No.25316/E.2/2012, dt.5.2.2014, 26.6.2014 & D.O. Lr. Dt.28.12.2015.
7. From the Engineer-in-Chief (PH) Lr. No.64/Spally/CS2/2012, Dated 2.1.2016.

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ORDER

In the reference 1st read above, General Administration (V&E) Department have submitted vigilance report on the allegations of wasteful expenditure of Rs. 27.52 crores, incurred on Water Supply Improvement Scheme to Sattupalli Municipality in Khammam District, which is lying ideal since, 2010, as the scheme is contemplated without identifying source of water supply.

2. Based on the vigilance report and Draft Articles of Charge furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief (PH) vide reference 2nd read above departmental proceedings have been instituted against the then concerned officials of Khammam Municipality for their irregularities as mentioned in the V&E report. Accordingly, charges have been issued against Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, the then Engineer-in-Chief (PH) (Retd), A.P., Hyderabad, vide G.Os. 3rd & 4th read above, for according technical sanction without any concurrence / approval from the Irrigation department officials for source of water supply.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the charged officer Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, Engineer in Chief (PH) (Retired) has submitted his written statement of defense to the charges issued on him, wherein he has stated that the technical sanction to the estimate in question was given on 19.07.2008 and the charges were framed vide G.O.Ms.No.31, MA&UD (E2) Dept., dt. 24.01.2013. Hence, as per rule 9(2)(b)(ii) of APRP Rules 1980, departmental proceedings shall not be initiated in respect of any event, which took place more than four years before such events.

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4. Government after examination of explanation of the charged officer, in consultation with the Advisory Body, have decided to drop further action and exonerate from the charges framed against Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, Engineer in Chief (PH) (Retired), subject to recover the loss if any caused due to the charged officer in this issue, since the limitation period of four (4) years prescribed in Rule 9(2)(b)(ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiation of disciplinary proceedings was already completed in case of the above said retired charged officer.

5. Accordingly, Government have instructed the Engineer-in-Chief (PH), Hyderabad, to arrive the loss if any, caused due to the retired charged officers in this issue and furnish the same to Government, vide reference 6th read above, to issue further orders in the matter.

6. In response, the Engineer-in-Chief (PH), Telangana, Hyderabad, vide reference 7th read above, has informed that the scheme was originally sanctioned for Rs.38.20 crores with 2007 - 2008 Standard Schedule of Rates and if the scheme had been taken up with 2015 - 16 Standard Schedule of Rates, the cost of the scheme would have been more than RS.50.00 crores taking into consideration 5% increase in rates for each year. Hence, the expenditure spent on this scheme is beneficial, fruitful and will serve the purpose i.e., supply of treated potable and safe drinking water to the people of Sathupally. The Engineer-in-Chief (PH), Telangana, Hyderabad, has therefore, stated that there is no expenditure wastage and as such there is no loss caused by the charged officers.

7. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby order to drop further action, duly exonerating from the charges instituted against Sri B. Chandra Sekhar, Engineer in Chief (PH) (Retd), in terms of Rule 9(2)(b)(ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief (PH), Telangana, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

M.G.GOPAL

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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Copy to:

The Engineer-in-Chief (PH), Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,

Telangana Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Gen. Admn.(V&E) Department, BRKR Bhavan, Telangana, Hyderabad.

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